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LIMDIS FOR RICHARD C. SEARING, NEA/RA, NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 223375 ACTION COLOMBO DATED 18 SEP 75

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, ELAB

SUBJECT: EMILIO GARZA

REF: COLOMBO 2868

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DUBS

1. I HAD LUNCH SEPTEMBER 17 WITH AAFLI DIRECTOR MORRIS PALADINO MEETING AT MY INITIATIVE TO REVIEW ISSUE OF GARZA TRAVEL TO SRI LANKA. ALSO PRESENT WERE PALMER, NEA/RA, BOWIE, S/IL, AND THIBAULT, NEA/INS; WITH PALADINO WAS ASSOCIATE CHARLES GRAY. MEETING WAS FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL WITH PALADINO CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO SEE IF ROOM  
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FOR UNDERSTANDING CAN STILL BE FOUND. WE AGREED ON

COMMON PREMISE THAT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN AAFLI AND DEPARTMENT WOULD SERVE NO ONE'S INTERESTS AND I ECHOED ROY ATHERTON'S VIEW THAT NO DOORS SHOULD BE CLOSED UNTIL ALL OPTIONS HAVE BEEN EXPLORED.

2. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION PALADINO AGAIN DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF LINKS BY GARZA TO THE CIA EITHER NOW OR AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST. HE OBSERVED THAT ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT'S POLICY IS NOT TO COMMENT ON AGEE BOOK, THE BLOCKING OF GARZA'S TRAVEL IN ITSELF WILL BE SEEN AS A

COMMENT. HE AGAIN UNDERSCORED IMPLICATIONS THIS HAS FOR AAFLI'S ASIA-WIDE PROGRAMMING. PALADINO EXPRESSED HIS SENSITIVITY FOR YOUR CONCERNS BUT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT AAFLI COULD COPE SUCCESSFULLY WITH PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GARZA SHOULD THESE SURFACE.

3. I TOLD PALADINO THAT, AS I SAW THEM, FIVE POSSIBLE CHOICES WERE OPEN TO US:

(A) SEND SOMEONE OTHER THAN GARZA TO SRI LANKA. PALADINO REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO ONE ELSE OF ADEQUATE CALIBER TO SEND ON A REGULAR BASIS. AAFLI REP BOB WHOLEY HAS THREATENED TO RESIGN RATHER THAN ACCEPT OPEN-ENDED ASSIGNMENT.

(B) DELAY SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR END OCTOBER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CURRENT POLITICAL DUST HAS SETTLED. PALADINO DID NOT SEE THIS AS Viable ALTERNATIVE, GIVEN PLANNING WHICH HAS ALREADY GONE INTO SEMINAR, AND ESPECIALLY EXPECTATIONS OF LOCAL TRADE UNIONISTS, AND ABSENCE OF ANY TIME-FRAME.

(C) AAFLI DECISION TO CANCEL SRI LANKA PROGRAM. THIS, PALADINO SAID, WAS NOT POSSIBLE AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE AAFLI'S SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL PROGRAM. IF THE PROGRAM WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF GARZA LATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE DISMISSED BECAUSE UTILITY TO AAFLI WOULD BE OVER AS WORD OF SRI LANKA PROBLEM GOT AROUND. AAFLI WOULD USE AFL-CIO FUNDS IF NECESSARY  
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TO CONTINUE PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA.

(D) VISIT TO COLOMBO TO REVIEW SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR. THIS IS DISCUSSED BELOW.

(E) DEPARTMENT DENY FUNDING FOR GARZA'S TRAVEL. BOTH PALADINO AND I AGREED THAT THIS WOULD REPRESENT THE CONFRONTATION THAT WE SOUGHT TO AVOID.

3. FOCUS OF DISCUSSION THEN REVERTED TO EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF PALADINO TRAVELING TO COLOMBO TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH YOU. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, PALADINO EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT UNDERSTANDING COULD BE REACHED, THAT BOTH VIEWS EXPRESSED HAD MERIT AND THAT HE WAS REASONABLE PERSON. HE NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT GO OUT BEFORE ILO MEETING, I.E.M MNEXT WEEK, BUT THAT HE COULD ADD SRI LANKA TO ITINERARY OF LONG-POSTPONED ASIAN SWING TOWARD THE END OF OCTOBER- HE SUGGESTED COMING OUT WITH GARZA TO SEE YOU ATTHAT TIME.

I POINTED TO FACT THAT THIS PROPOSED TIME-TABLE WOULD LEAD INTO THE AAFLI SEMINAR AT ISSUE. BUT I AGREED TO RELAY PALADINO'S PROPOSAL TO YOU.

4. MY OWN VIEW IS THAT THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. WHATEVER OUTCOME EVENTUALLY RESULTS WILL BE MORE CLEARLY FOCUSED IF ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED.

5. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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